

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE  
NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA  
CROATAN NATIONAL FOREST**

New Bern, North Carolina

Order No. 08-11-03-21-115

**FOREST ORDER**

**FOREST WIDE FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR §§ 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety, the following acts are prohibited on all lands administered by the Croatan National Forest. This closure is effective from May 28, 2021 through September 25, 2021 or until rescinded by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

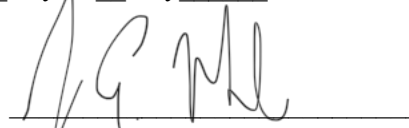
1. **Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire. 36 CFR § 261.52 (a).**
2. **Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR § 261.52 (f).**
3. **Violating any state law specified in the order concerning burning, fires or which is for the purpose of preventing, or restricting the spread of fires. (North Carolina state law NCGS 106-944 & 106-946) 36 CFR § 261.52 (k).**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, § 261.50 (e), the following persons or areas are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use permit or contract specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act of omission, issued by the Forest Supervisor or District Ranger.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Fire or campfire in a Forest Service provided metal fire pit, metal fire ring, or pole mounted grill at the following developed recreation areas and campgrounds:
  - Cedar Point Day Use Area and Campground,
  - Neuse River Recreation Area and Campground (Flanners Beach), and
  - Oster Point Campground.
4. The use of commercially available fuel stoves (camp stoves) forest wide.

These prohibitions are in addition to the General Prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261 (Subpart A).

Executed in Asheville North Carolina, on this 27th day of May, 2021



JAMES MELONAS  
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Violations of the above prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.